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1. South Vietnam

Buddhist leader Tri Quang has privately condemned the present government in toto. On the eve of leaving Saigon for his home grounds in Hué, Quang presented a standard list of grievances and told an embassy officer that he hoped Ambassador Lodge would "resume his role as a producer of major change in Vietnamese government." Quang indicated, however, that the military situation makes it necessary that a change be orderly and quiet, "such as through a restrictive national convention."

Premier Ky now intends to leave Saigon for Taipei and Bangkok on 15 August. Ky has told Deputy Ambassador Johnson that he will not discuss bringing Chinese Nationalist troops to South Vietnam but that he is still thinking of ways to link anti-Communist Asian governments in a more solid front.

The government is still having trouble with the montagnard tribesmen.

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2. North Vietnam

Intercepted messages indicate that bomb damage to railroads has cut exports of apatite ore, a fertilizer ingredient and one of North Vietnam's major sources of foreign exchange.

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US air attacks had cut the Hanoi - Lao Cai railroad. This railroad is not only the primary transport route serving northwestern North Vietnam where the ore is mined, but is also Communist China's only rail link with its Yunnan Province.

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3. Indonesia

Foreign Minister Subandrio went out of his way yesterday to try to convince Ambassador Green that he wants relations with the US to continue. The ambassador came away from the meeting, however, with the impression that Subandrio was merely applying "some preventative salve" in anticipation of further anti-American outbursts by Indonesia.

These will probably come on 17 August when Sukarno is scheduled to make the major speech at Independence Day celebrations in Djakarta.

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4. Kashmir

The situation in the border area has simmered down for the moment, but some skirmishing continues.

The US defense attaché in New Delhi reported yesterday that Srinagar, the Kashmir capital, was quiet. He had just returned after a five-day trip through the area.

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5. Greece

Papandreou got nowhere with the King last night and the former premier now seems to be on the defensive.

Several prominent members of the Center Union party seem about ready to dissociate themselves from the policy of "unrelenting struggle" which Papandreou announced yesterday. In all, about 50 Center Union deputies may break away.

Meanwhile, behind the scenes efforts are continuing to drum up support for Ilias Tsirimokos. Chances are slim, however, because of his long record of leftist affiliations.

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6. Dominican Republic

The situation continues on dead center with no indication that the rebels are ready to sign the Act of Reconciliation.

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